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Constitution Minutes &c

of the Union Village

Lyceum; commencing

October D. 1871.

Constitution,

By Laws,

and Minutes,

of the

Union Village Scientific

And Progressive Association.

Volume 1.

Preamble. -

For many years there has seemed to exist a great need of something in the shape of a Lyceum, for the discussion and investigation of Scientific subjects, and all matters pertaining to ~~our common humanity~~ the progress of our common humanity in all its departments. This necessity seemed finally to culminate in the minds of a few of the more enterprising members of this Community, about the middle of September, 1871; - and accordingly upon the 22nd of the same, the following Constitution and By Laws were framed, as an incipient effort by which to model an Association, calculated to further the objects embraced in such an Institute, and, if possible, bring the same into practical operation. It is hoped that this beginning, imperfect as it is, is nevertheless destined to become more and more efficacious, as the years flee away, until at last it may be an instrumentality through which a great deal of positive benefit, Physical, Mental, Moral,

Social, Intellectual, & Spiritual, — may be reached by all whom it may concern. —

Constitution.

1st. Resolved, That this Association shall be called "The Union Village Scientific and Progressive Association."

2nd. Resolved, That for the present, the members of said Association shall meet upon the first Monday of each month, commencing on the evening of October 2nd, 1871; the time of such meeting to be 7 O'Clock precisely, — and thereafter the time of meeting to be fixed by the members present. —

3rd. Resolved, That upon said evening the members of said Association shall organize by appointing one of their number to serve as Chairman, for the term of one year from date of appointment, and another to serve as Secretary. —

4th. Resolved, That each member shall take part in the discussion of all questions coming before the meeting, whether of a scientific, or business character, relating directly

to the conditions of the organization.

5th. Resolved, That the Secratary shall read at each meeting, the minutes of the previous ~~meeting~~, proceedings of the previous meeting, before any other business is transacted, and if they are approved, they shall stand so recorded, — if not they shall be amended. —

6th. Resolved, That the Association at its regular meetings, shall be governed by the Rules of Parliamentary usage. —

7th. Resolved, That the Question to or Questions to be discussed at each meeting, together with the time to be occupied by each speaker, shall be arranged by the Chairman, and announced by the Secretary, at the commencement of each meeting. —

The above was amended Nov. 6th 1871 <u>See Amendments.</u>

8th. — Resolved, That at each meeting, during the ~~existence~~ first year of the existence of the Association, a subject shall be selected and announced by the Chairman, previous to adjournment, for the consideration of the

members, and upon which each shall write, and read at the next meeting, a Thesis; and to this end, shall read up diligently, and present his best thoughts and reflections in such Thesis. Any member shall have the right to suggest to the Chairman, a subject for consideration.—

amended Nov 14th 1872 as below

7th— Resolved, That as punctuality is indispensable to the success of any enterprise, therefore each member shall be at the place of meeting at or before 7 Oclock P. M.

Amendments.

Resolution 7th.— (As amended Nov. 6th 1871)

Resolved, That the Question or Questions to be discussed at each meeting, together with the time to be occupied by each speaker, shall be arranged by the Chairman, and announced by the Secretary, at the close of each previous meeting.—

10th. Resolved, That any part of the Constitution & By Laws of this Association may be amended by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members there of.

(Adopted, Dec. 5th 1871)

11th. Resolved - That the subjects selected for Theses and Discussion, by the Chairman, shall, on motion, be submitted to the members for acceptance or rejection.—

(Adopted, Dec. 8th 1871.)—

12th.- Resolved, That when any regularly enrolled member shall, from any cause, cease to be a member, such cessation shall be reported in the minutes.

(The above adopted June 3rd 1872.)

13th. Resolved - That each member who considers themselves able to furnish a contribution on the theme proposed for each next meeting shall be required to do so;- but in order to make the Lyceum as beneficial as possible, that any who may feel thus unable, shall be required to contribute to the entertainment of the meeting in some way - viz - either by rehearsing a piece previously committed or reading something from some other Author

(The above was adopted as an amendment November 4th 1872)

The above is an Amendment to Resolution 8th

By Laws.

1st. Every member shall deport himself with politeness and decency; and no words calculated to wound the feelings of another, or to create disunion shall ever be allowed.

2nd. If any member offend in this matter, he shall, upon being called ~~upon~~ to order by the Chair, immediately desist, and shall make suitable apology to the party offended, and also to the meeting, for compromising the dignity there of by such conduct.

3rd. Each member shall support and adopt any and every resolution meeting the approbation of two-thirds of the members, constituting a Quorum of the meeting, when in session for business connected with the Constitution and By Laws of the Association; and a violation of this rule shall be deemed sufficient to disable any one thus offending from membership, until restored by repentance and a cheerful compliance.

4th.- Each member shall yield the floor, promptly, to his successor, when his time is called by the Chair; ~~the~~ but the time of any member speaking may be extended, if he desires, by unanimous consent of the meeting.

5th. For a beginning, each members time shall be 10 minutes for discussion, subject to amendment by the meeting.-

6th. The only ceremony or terms of membership shall be the signing of this Constitution and By Laws, in the presence of the Chairman and Secretary.-

Signatures.- O. C. Hampton.
T. J. Embree
J. Long
Joseph H. Lee.
Francis H Brady.
Wm Henry Lee
Susan A Liddill
Susanna M Brady
Matilda A Butler

Maria Wheeler
Julia Connell.
Ella Tod.
Sue Brady
H. Westby
Allie Selzer
George Clingman
Edward Holmes
Martha Seward
Maggie A Siger,

Minutes

Of the Proceedings of the Union Village Scientific and Progressive Association.—

On the evening of October 2nd, 1871, according to previous notice, Oliver C. Hampton, Thos. J. Embree, Joseph Long & Joseph See assembled at the schoolhouse at Union Village, Ohio, for the purpose of forming a Scientific and Progressive Association; there was a temporary organization effected, by the appointment of O. C. Hampton as Chairman, and T. J. Embree as Secretary, whereupon the object and aim of the Association was stated by the Chairman, who proposed that a previously prepared draft of a Constitution and By Laws should be read and submitted to the consideration of the meeting. This was done, and upon motion, it was agreed to read again and consider separately, each resolution of the Constitution, as more consistent with a true comprehension of the scope of the several parts.—

This was accordingly done, and several of them amended. They were severally adopted, and upon motion the Constitution as a whole was adopted by unanimous vote.—

Upon motion, the By Laws were again read, the 4th one somewhat amended, and the whole of them then adopted.—

It was concluded that it was inexpedient for the signatures of the members to be attached to the Constitution & By Laws, until they had been written in their amended and permanent form, in a suitable book, and that therefore the final, permanent organization of the Association cannot be effected until after this is done.—

The form of said Constitution and By Laws agreed upon, is that which occupies the fore part of this book.— After the adoption by the meeting of this form, the Chairman proposed, under the provision of the 8th Resolution of the Constitution, that the Association take the word Books, as a subject upon which each member shall write a Thesis to be read at the

next meeting. — For the benefit of inexperienced members, he gave some explanation as to how a Thesis should be constructed, after which the meeting adjourned, to meet on the evening of the first Monday of November, 1871. —

T. J. Embree

Secretary.

Nov. 6th 1871 —

At 7 O'Clock P.M. all the proposed members being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and the minutes of the last meeting were read. — Being approved, they were adopted. — The members all signed the Constitution and By-Laws, and then proceeded to form a permanent organization, by electing O. C. Hampton as Chairman and T. J. Embree as Secretary, each to serve for one year from date, according to Resolution 3rd, of the Constitution. — The members then proceeded to read the various Theses they had prepared, on the subject of Books; after which upon motion, the following resolution was adopted;

Resolved, That the last clause of the 7th Resolution of the Constitution be amended, by striking out the word commencement and substituting the word close, so that the Resolution shall read "Resolved that the Question or Questions to be "discussed at each meeting, together with the time "to be occupied by each speaker shall be arranged "by the Chairman, and announced by the Secra-"tary at the close of each previous meeting."

While the Secretary was preparing this Resolution for presentation, the Chairman exercised the other members somewhat in the grammatical construction of sentences.

After the adoption of the amendment of the 7th Resolution, the Chairman announced thro' the Secretary, that the subject for Theses for the next meeting should be War, and the question for discussion should be, "Was the late disastrous fire in Chicago an accident, or a special interposition of Divine Providence usually termed by the theologians, a judgement. Upon motion the meeting then adjourned.

T. J. Embree
Secretary.

Dec. 5th 1871

Upon meeting at the accustomed place, it was found that the members were all present, and desirous of commencing the session at 6½ O'Block instead of 7 O'Block P.M, and it was informally concluded to do so. — Accordingly the meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, — and approved. According to programme, each member read the Thesis previously prepared by him, on the subject of War. —

The next thing in order being the discussion of the question "Was the late disastrous fire in Chicago an accident, or a special interposition of Divine Providence usually termed by the theologians a judgement?"

The discussion was opened by the Chairman who gave his views; he was followed by each of the others, and it was finally concluded that the fire was neither an accident nor a judgement, but the result of the operation of natural laws which always have

been and always will be in existence and operation; and under the same combination of circumstances, the same results would most likely follow. —

Bro. Frank Brady, who had been present during most of the session, was now admitted as a member, and added his signature to the Constitution in the appropriate place. —

After some conversation as to whether or not there was already in the Constitution & By Laws any provision, according to which, either could be legitimately amended, it was decided, in order to make the matter certain, to add a new Resolution to the Constitution, to be numbered the 10th, to read as follows. —

"Resolved, That any part of the Constitution &
"By Laws of this Association may be amended
"by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the mem-
"bers there of;" —

It was then decided that an amendment be made to the Constitution, to this effect;

"11th - Resolved, That the subjects selected for

"Theses and Discussion, by the Chairman,
"shall, on motion, be submitted to the mem-
"bers for acceptance or rejection".

After this, ~~it~~ a proposal was made and carried, that the 2nd Resolution of the Constitution be amended, by adding after the word "precisely", the sentence, "and thereafter "the time of meeting to be fixed by the members present".—

Upon motion, it was then decided that until further ordered, the time for the convening of the meeting should be 6½ O'Clock P.M.

The Chairman submitted the following subjects for the next meeting, which were accepted;—

For the Thesis, "What are the Uses and Bene-
"fits of the study of History".

For Discussion, "What are the necessities
"Social and Scientific, of this community at
the present time, to enable it to keep pace with
"the spirit of progress prevalent throughout the
"civilised world."— Adjourned. T. J. Embree
Sec.—

Jan. 3rd, 1872.

This was not the regular day of meeting of the Association, but some ~~inadvertent~~ circumstances having occurred which rendered it unadvisable for the meeting to take place at the regular time, (Jan. 1st) the members at an informal meeting previously, agreed to postpone the regular meeting until the evening of Jan. 3rd. —

Upon convening, the regular exercises were entered upon, and the Theses of the various members were ready on the subject of the Uses of History. — One member, (Jos. Lee) being absent, his thesis was read for him, by the Secretary. —

After this, there was entered upon, a discussion of the question "What are the necessities, Social and "Scientific, of this community at the present time, "to enable it to keep pace with the spirit of progress "prevalent throout the civilised world". —

The subject being of a very broad nature, the discussion extended over considerable ground, the several members expressing various ideas and views, but uniting on the one point of

the necessity of a greater effort ~~to~~ on the part of all, to obtain a better common literary education.-

Among other ideas advanced, was the undeniable fact that the monthly called "The Shaker" as at present conducted, does not meet the needs of a large class of readers, inasmuch as it is almost wholly devoted to discussion of Theological subjects, thus excluding nearly every thing of a literary ~~or~~ scientific, ~~nature~~, agricultural or miscellaneous nature, thus making the paper of very little practical use. The idea was suggested that ~~possibly~~ it would be well to establish a publication in the Western country, which should be conducted on a more liberal system. As it did not appear practicable at present to have anything got up of a regular public nature, it was suggested that this association might do something by way of making a collection of articles which should be open to the reading of any who desired, thus forming a nucleus, which in time might develope into a publication such as had been spoken

of.— It was thereupon decided, upon motion, that hereafter, copies of the various Theses written by the members, should be delivered to the Secretary, to be by him placed upon file, and that any one who desired in the several families should have the liberty of reading any or all of them.—

The discussion being closed, it was on motion decided that the Theses for the next meeting should be on the subject of "What are the "defects of this Institution, (the Shaker Society) "at present calling for improvement, financially "and economically"—— It was decided to dispense with the Discussion at the next meeting, and substitute there for reading for instruction on the subject of Parliamentary Usage.—— Adjourned.

F. J. Emberee
Sec.—

Feb. 13th 1872

Pursuant to an informal understanding among the members of the Association, (owing to adverse circumstances occurring on the regular evening for the meeting of the Association,) the meeting was postponed from Feb. 5th until this evening. — Upon being called to order, the minutes were read, which being approved, were adopted. — Before proceeding to the reading of the Theses, in customary order, it was decided to read the Constitution and By-Laws, partly for the benefit of the members, and partly for the purpose of giving a knowledge of their purport to Wm Henry Lee, who was present as a candidate for admission. — After the said reading, the several members proceeded in the reading of their Theses, during the process of which, the Chairman felt compelled to leave the meeting to attend to other duties, and therefore called upon the Secretary to take the Chair. — The members who had not read their

Theses now did so, when upon general consent being given, Wm Henry Lee added his signature to the Constitution and Bylaws, thus becoming a member of the Association.

As the regular Chairman was absent, it was concluded to not read the work on Parliamentary Usage at this meeting, as had been expected, but to postpone such reading until after the reading of the Theses at the next meeting.—

The subject for the Theses for the next meeting was announced to be Artificial Stimulation.— As there appeared to be no further business before the meeting, on motion it adjourned, to meet on the first Monday in March, circumstances permitting.

T. J. Embree, Sec.

March 5th 1872.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair
The Secretary (F. J. Embree) being absent
Joseph H. Lee was appointed Secretary Pro Tem
The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read — and approved
The Theses were then read — One of the
members being absent (Frank Brady) his
Thesis was read for him by the Chair.
After the conclusion of the Reading the
Chair read from in Parliamentary Usage
according to Agreement
On motion it was agreed to have a
"Roll Call". and the Calling of the
Roll was to be the first business after
the meeting was called to order
On Motion it was agreed to spend the rest
of the evening in the improvement of the
members in Elocution which was accordingly
done by each member selecting a piece & read
ing it to the best of his ability
The subject for the Theses was then

given, which was "Music"
On motion - Adjourned - To meet
the first monday in April -

Joseph H Lee
secretary Protem

May 6th 1872

Owing to several causes, the regular meeting of the Association did not take place in April, but was postponed until the regular time for the May meeting, when the Association assembled according to rule.—

The Book of Minutes not being on hand, from inadvertance, it was decided to omit the reading of the minutes until the next meeting.— The several members read their Theses on Music, after which there was a conversation on the subject of the late nomination of Horace Greeley for the Presidency of the United States, and other kindred subjects.— It was decided that the subject for the ~~next~~ Theses for the next

meeting, should be Natures, and that after the Theses are read, there should be a reading on Parliamentary Usages, instead of the regular discussion.—
On motion, adjourned.—

T. J. Embree
Secretary.

June 3rd 1872.

Association met, and after roll call, the minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.— The Theses of the several members were then read, with the exception of that of Joseph Lee, who was not present.—

On motion it was decided to adopt an Amendment to the Constitution to the following effect;

× "Resolved; That when any regularly en-
"rolled member shall, from any cause, cease
"to be a member, such cessation shall be
"reported in the minutes"

Accordingly, it should be entered here, that Wm H. Lee has ceased to be a member, as he has moved from our village.—

After the adoption of the before mentioned amendment, there was some reading in the work on Parliamentary Usage.—

The subject for the Theses for the next meeting was decided to be Metals.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.—

T. J. Embree
Secretary.

July 1st 1872—

The Association met according to custom, and after Roll call, and the reading of the Minutes, as usual, each member present read his Thesis on the subject of Metals.—

All the members were present, except Joseph Long.— After the reading of the several Theses, there were several propositions made by the Chairman, in relation to defining

the lengths of the Theses to be here after written, which elicited considerable discussion, and after having been put in the form of motions, were decided in the negative.—

There was then a motion made, that on account of the extreme heat of the weather, further proceedings should be omitted, which was carried, except that the subject for the next Theses was decided upon, which was "Industry and Idleness."—

On motion, adjourned.—

An omission was made in the minutes of the proceedings of last months meeting, which was that it was decided to commence the sessions of the Association at 7 O'clock P. M. until further notice, instead of half past 6 O'clock as heretofore.—

T. J. Embree
Secretary.

Aug. 5th 1872.

Association met as usual at 7 Oclock P.M. and after Rollcall, the Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. - The several members read their Theses on the subject of Idleness and Industry, with the exception of Frank Brady who was not present. -

On motion it was ~~decided to postpone the reading of the book on Parliamentary~~ resolved That here after the regular ~~proceedings~~ business of the meeting, after the reading of the Theses, shall be the reading of the book upon Parliamentary Usage, until it shall have been read thro'; - reading consecutively, unless, in any meeting, a point of order shall come up which shall not be thoroughly understood, in which case the reading shall be in reference to that point. -

After this was decided, a motion was made and carried, that for this evening, said reading should be dispensed with, in order to discuss the feasibility of the formation

of a spiritual circle, by the members of the Association. — After some talk on the subject, it was found to be for the present impracticable, and the project was dropped.

The subject for the next Thesis was decided to be Friendship, after which the meeting adjourned. —

T. J. Embree
Secretary. —

September 20 1872

Association met according to confou
The Secratary being absent J H LEE
was appointed Secratary pro tem
The Minuites of the previous meeting
were read and appioved
The Theses were then read; and
after the conclusion of the reading
the Chair read from Parliament
ary Usage:.. After the conclusion
of the reading by the Chair, the said
Chair spoke of having an entertain
ment for the north Union Visitas
& suggested that the Association
take a leading part, the Chair
to act as Umpire in selecting or
rejecting any or all peices suggested
by any one that wished to take part
in the entertainment
The subject for the next Theses
was then selected. "Flowers" being the
subject chosen, On motion adjourned
Joseph H LEE
Sec. pro tem

October 16th 1872.

Tho' several causes the Association did not meet on the regular night and the meeting was postponed until to night. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Chair and approved The Secretary being absent, The Theses were then read.

On motion it was decided to dispense with the reading of Parliamentary Usage — J Brady was called to the Chair. C. C. Hampton then spoke, asking the opinion of the members, whether we had better continue the Association or not — as this night makes a year the Association has been organised, — and it was ~~unanimously~~ concluded to continue the same as heretofore, and endeavor to get Liberty for

the Sisters to Join if they wished
As it was the night to elect new
officers - Chairman & Secretary.
Accordingly. A C Hampton
was elected Chairman & Joseph
H. Lee Secretary, to stand for
3 months ending June & then both Offices
are to be filled by rotation according
to age. Joseph Long withdrew
from the Association,
There was considerable discussion
on Amending the Constitution to this
effect " To all those who were not
able to write a composition of the
subject selected they should be
allowed to read or repeat some
thing from some other Author" The
resolution was laid on the table!

On motion it was decided to acquaint all those that wished to join the Association with the subject for the next meeting

The Subject for the next meeting
was selected, "being "Home" and no further
business being before the meeting
Adjourned to meet first
monday eve in Nov,
Joseph H. Lee
Secalary,

November 4th 1872.

The Association met according to
custom. There being several new
candidates for admission in to the
Association. Accordingly the Constitu-
tion and By Laws of said Associ-
ation were read by the Chair so as to
give the candidates a knowledge of the
same. On the conclusion of the read-
ing, the following persons signed the
Constitution & By Laws, & thereby became
members of the Association.
Susan Liddle, Susanah Brady.
Matildia Butler, Maria Wheeler.
Julia O'Connell, Ella Todd. Sue Brady.

T. Brady being called to the Chair
C. C. Hamilton made the following
Resolution. "and" Resolved, That Resolution 8th
"of the Constitution, be so amended as to
"read as follows. Each member who considers
"him or herself able to furnish a contri-
"bution on the themes chosen for each sept

"meeting, shall be required to do so; - but "
"in order to make the Lyceum as largely "
"beneficial as possible, that any who may "
"feel thus unable, shall nevertheless "
"be required to contribute to the benefit "
"and entertainment of the meeting in "
"some way - (viz) either by rehearsing a "
"piece previously committed, or reading "
"something from some other Author, "
and was adopted. The Minutes
of the previous meeting were read and
approved. The Theses were then read
It was decided that the subject for the
next Theses should be the "Old Year"
On motion it was decided to have the
meeting, after being called to order, to
have open with singing. On motion
it was decided to limit the Theses or
Essays to one sheet of ordinary "cap" paper
On motion adjourned to meet first Monday*
in December. Joseph H. Lee
Secretary.

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P. S.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted. "Resolved that no criticism on any of the articles written should be uttered unless the writer should desire some private criticism from the Chair - merely as Teacher.

Nov 11th 1872

Pursuant to "Call" the Association met at the usal hour (6 1/2 P.M) After being called to order by the Chairman the Chair proposed as it was an informal meeting to dispense with the regular formalities which was approved. The following resolutions were then offered - "Resolved that Resolution 2d be so" "amended as to read as follows. That here" "after the meetings of the Association be" "semi monthly instead of monthly as" "here to fore" Carried

"Resolved that we admit any and all" "persons to our meetings who wish to "

" attend merely as spectators and "
" with out regard to the requirement "
" heretofore existing upon of each person "
" present contributing in some way to the "
" direct interest & benefit of the Assoc "

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" Resolved that upon every 4th " meeting "
" Spectators be allowed to attend in "
" order, & with the object of becoming "
" acquainted with the Modus Operandi "
" of the Association & both views of to "
" becoming members of the same — "

Carried

The members then all read beginning with the oldest the piece entitled "The Inquiry" and a sentence or 2 in the book and also a piece entitled "never tell a Lie". The Chair then suggested as to finish out the meeting we have all the bad Grammar used during the meeting corrected & also have a spelling match &c &c

On Motion Adjourned to meet the 18th of this month (Nov)

Joseph H. Lee
Secretary.

November 25th 1872

The Association met at the usal hour & place— this was not the regular night for the meeting of the Association, circumstances interfering therewith. The meeting was called to order by the Chair— the Roll was called— T. J Embree— absent One new member added to the Association in the person of Helena Tesby. The "Minutes" of the previous meeting were then read & approved The several Essays were then read on the subject of "a Year." The subject for the next meeting was then chosen it was decided to be "Truthfullness" The "Chair" According to agreement put the following resolves to the before

the meeting to be corrected according to the Rules & precepts of Grammar. "Here is a man whom is 60 years old" should be who instead of whom as who is nominative & Whom objective case. Also "I found A Egg" every word beginning with a vowel should be preced by an instead of a. Also "I seen John pass across the street. He walked about solitarily & distressed" should be solitary & distressed, also The frequent commission of sin hardens men in ih "should be hardens according to Rule 4th of Gram. &c &c. On Motion

Resolved That the Resolution that was approved Jan 3d requiring "a copy of all the Essays to be given to the Secretary & by him placed on file" be, and the same is hereby repealed as far as the obligation is concerned. Carried.

On Motion the Association adjourned & met Mon. 2d of Dec 1872 Wm Lee Secretary

Dec 2d 1872.

The Association met at the usal hour & place, A. C. Hampton in the Chair The "minites" of the previous meeting were read and approved. The annual Thesis were then read interspersed with Reading of selections & Recitations On Motion Resolved that hereafter the Lyceum be divided into two (2) classes one to prepare original Compositions contributions or Original Theses on the same subject. the other to commit pieces for declamation. The persons contributing the different exercises to be assigned there to at each meeting by the "Chair" previous to adjournment & furthermore that we alternate the exercises between the members so as to have a composition & declamation. alternately both in exercise & by each member of the Association. Carried J. Long was reinstated as a mem-

ber of the Association, The Preamble
By Laws & Constitution was, were then
read as a regular Lonicalary Jour
as there was 2 Candidates for
admission after the read of said
Preamble &c — Geo. Clingman, &
Alvine Seitzer, were admitted as Mem
The Subject for the next meeting
was chosen it being decided to
have "Winter."

On Motion Adjourned

Joseph H. Lee
Secretary

Dec. 16th 1872.

The Association met according to custom at the usal hours and place- O. C. Hamplow in the Chair The Roll was called- T. J. Embree absent As this was the regular night for visitors. and there being several visitors present. The Constitution & By Laws were read- The following Resolutions were offered-- "Resolved, That" "each member whose duty it is for" "each succeeding meeting to write a" "Composition. shall commit to memory" "one of the Rules of reading to be found" "in either Wilsons or Mr Guffeys 4th or 5th" "Readers & repeat the same according to" "age after the reading of the minutes" "and at the next succeeding meeting" "before the reading of the Essays. Said Resolution to be in force- for three months"

Carried

Resolved that after the reading of the several Essays & the

declamations, or other reading exercises are over, that the foundation principles of the Language be elucidated & discussed & questions thereon be asked of the several members; this to be alternated with Parliamentary Usage - and to be in force while amended. Carried.

The several Members read or declaimed their pieces - One new member admitted Edward Holdermess by name - The Chair then Elucidated the Langagne (English) by remarks Questions &c. The subject for the next meeting was selected and on Motion it was decided to have - "Influence". The Secretary's terms of office expiring, on motion J. H. Lee was elected Chairman, and J. H. Brady Secretary for the next meeting On Motion Adjourned to meet the last Monday in Dec. '72

Joseph H. Lee
Secretary

December 20 1872

The Association met according to custom, at the usual hour and place The roll being called and minutes read, we proceed to carry into effect, the resolution adopted the preceeding meeting, which reads. Resolved. that each member, whose duty it is, for each succeeding meeting, to write a composition shall commit to memory one of the rules of Reading to be found in Either Wilson's or McGuffy's Fourth or Fifths readers. and repeat the same according to age. after the reading of the minutes &c. at the close of this proceeding the chair was vacated. for the convenience and fullfillment of the next proceeding. which, according to order, is the reading of the Thesis chosen on the part of many and the declaiming of the several pieces. after which. a resolution was then made

to this effect. Resolved, that the Members before reading their thesis should occupy the chair. Carried on account of the apparent non appearance of book treating on Parliamentry Usage the Elucidation of the language was admitted in its stead. Elder Oliver taking the stand. The subject for the next meeting was selected, and on motion it was decided to be Ocean. The resolution adopted October 16th 1872. which reads thus As it was the night to elect new officers. Chairman and Secratary, accordingly, O.C. Hampton Chairman and Joseph H. Lee Secratary, to stand for Three months. and then both Offices are to be filled by rotation, according to age. This not meeting the approbation of the members. who have recently Joined after some lengthy discussion on part of the members it terminated in a revocation. and on motion, it was resolved, that Chairman & Secratary be elected

by nomination. The terms of office expiring to night Maria Wheeler was nominated to fill office of Chairman at the next meeting which was met with a cheerful compliance. O. C. Hampton. to be brief with the matter, and as the nomination of a new Secretary, was in order, offered himself as a candidate for admission and was elected Secretary ~~for~~ the next meeting. A proposition was made by one of the members to the effect that visitors be allowed to attend every meeting instead of every 4th fourth meeting as before. its adoption was moved & seconded but finaly lost. on motion adjourned to meet January 13th 1873.

F. H. Brady.
Secretary.

January 13. 1873.

The Association met at 6½ O.C, P.M. and the President being absent on Acct. of sickness, Bro. J. I. Embree was chosen President pro tem.

Meeting being call'd to Order & the roll call'd & the minutes of last meeting read & approved the several Rules of Elocution, committed for this meeting were recited. The several Original Contributions & declamations were then read & rehears'd all of which evinc'd Earnestness and industry in their preparation as well as an astonishing improvement in their mode of delivery, compar'd with our earlier exhibitions & efforts. Indeed Your Secretary is happy to acknowledge, that there has been a constant, decided, & mark'd improvement, among the members & all of them, ever since the Establishment of the Lyceum, in Reading - declamation - & composition & he would be glad to say also, in the more correct use of Language in ordinary conversation, but dares not go so far, for fear of gravely compromising the truth. He begs leave however to suggest & even solicit earnest attention & efforts at ~~this~~ improvement in this direction also.

After these readings &c. were finish'd, the following Resolution was read, & on motion adopted (viz) Resolv'd that hereafter upon the election of President & Secretary for the next succeeding meeting, 2 vice Presidents shall also be chosen, in order to obviate the unpleasantness ~~of~~ occasion'd at any time by the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Elect. This meeting the approbation of the members, thereupon Joseph Long was chosen President of the next meeting & Julia O'Connell & Bro. Geo. Clingman vice-Presidents & Joseseph A Lee Secretary. ~~upon next meeting.~~
The theme for the next meeting being decided upon (viz) "The forest", the Secretary read some 2 or three chapters on Parliamentary usage, from the work entitled the "Normal Debater" for the instruction of the members, after which on motion the meeting adjourn'd to meet on Monday evening Jan. 27. 1873.

O. C. Hampton.
Secretary.

January 27th 1873

The Association met according to custom at the usal hour and place. O. C Hampton in the Chair. As this was the regular evening for admitting visitors accordingly there was a goodly number of the same present — 20 in Number —

The Roll was called all present —

The "minutes" of the previous meeting were read and Approved. The several Rules of Elocution were there repeated.

The Essays and Declamations were then Read and Declaimed — by the members. When the foregoing exercises were half completed, there was a Recess of 5 minutes. On Motion Resolved "That Resolution 8th of the Constitution, which reads — Resolved — That at each meeting during the 2nd year of the existence of the Association, a subject shall be selected by the and announced by the Chairman, previous to adjournment.

"for the consideration of the members"
"and upon which each shall write"
"and read at the next meeting. a"
"Thesis and to this end shall read us"
"diligently and present his best thots"
"and reflections in such Thesis."
"Any member shall have the right to"
"suggest to the Chairman a subject for"
"consideration" be Amended so as to read
"Hereafter to allow each member to"
"choose his or her own theme for a"
"composition" Carried. —
The Chair then elucidated the language by some appropriate remarks and questions. T. J. Embree being called to the Chair C. C. Hampton nominated J Long. President. F. H. Brady 1st Vice President and G. Selingman 2d Vice President and J. H. Lee Secretary all of whom were elected unanimously — to serve as Officers at the next Meeting of this

Association. O. C. Hampton read a short article on the "Woodhull—Beecher" scandal. There being no further business before the Meeting On Motion Adjourned to meet the 10th of February.

Joseph H. Lee
Secretary

February 10th 1873.

The Association met according to Custom, at the usual hour and place J. Long in the Chair. The Roll was called. Helena Versby absent. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Essays in order were repeated their special Rules of Elocution

The Essays were then read and the selections read & declaimed

Recess — 5 Minutes. On Motion by O. C. Hampton it was Resolved

That hereafter the Officers shall be chosen alternately from both sides of the house to avoid the ghost of a suspicion that any thing contrary to good Order is practiced in the Association which after considerable discussion was Carried. On Motion it was Resolved that the Resolution that was adopted Dec. 16th 1873 in relation to Elucidation of the language and reading of Parliamentary Usage. be rescinded for the purpose introducing discussion or debate according to Resolution 7th of the Constitution. Carried.

On Motion Resolved that we have a Debate next meeting. Subject to be selected from the "Normal Debator" And the Debate be open to all". It was agreed upon Motion to Have for our Subject for debate "That Capital Punishment should not be used by any Nation".

Susanah Brady was Elected Chairman

and Matilda Butler first Vice President and Maria Wheeler Second Vice President. On Motion it was decided to grant the oldest of the Vice Presidents the first in office.
Susan E Liddle was elected Secretary for our next meeting.
On Motion it was Resolved That Resolution 4 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "be at liberty" between the words "shall" and "take" so as to read "That each member shall be at liberty to take part in the discussion of all questions coming before the meeting, whether of a scientific or business character relating directly to the conditions of the organization." Carried
On Motion adjourned to meet the 26th of February 1873.

Joseph H. Lee
Secretary

February 17th 1873

Pursuant to Call, the association met at the usual hour for the purpose of setting forth, the preamble and Constitution as amended. For discussion, Thomas Embree proposed to elect President and Secretary by nomination, accordingly O. C Hampton was elected President and F Brady Secretary of the present informal meeting, after which the reading of the following resolutions, but previous to the commencement it was proposed By T. J. Embree, that the president should read each resolution so as to allow sufficient time for a discussion on each separate resolution and on motion was adopted. Resolution 1st. Resolved that we continue to improve the meetings as heretofore, and that the resolution adopted at the last meeting in relation to debates be hereby repealed Albeit, that we still reserve to ourselves,

the privelege of an occasional retort thereto, if a majority of the members Should concur in setting aside the usual exercises and having a little debate of a free and general character for amusement, on motion was Carried Resolution 2nd Resolved that we continue to learn and repeat the rules of elocution. Elucidation of the language and other necessary elements of Science and general Knowlege as may be for our greatest benefit as beginners in Science & Knowledge, Carried —
According to the proposition made by one of the members, Resolution 3rd by motion was made to read by the the insertion of the two words (of Members) in this wise, Resolved that we nevertheless hold our every 4th Meeting open to visitors, but that at present we shall make no more addition of Members, until our organization is in

better working order. Carried. Resolution 4th was then read, after 2nd Joseph Lee proposing an amendment which by the insertion of two words (of three) was made to read thus; Resolved, that a committee of 3 be appointed to take into consideration our present Constitution and By laws, and if found defective or not suitable to our present condition and necessities, that said Committee be instructed to draft a new Constition and By laws and report the same to this Association on or before the 17th of March of the present year. Carried The fifth and last resolution was now read, resolved that in no case will we encourage or even allow a debate to be conducted by two Contestants alone, as this would necessarily involve the very unpleasant duty of voting upon the reception of the veiw of one of the contestants to the exclusion & rejection

of those of the opposite thereby opening a wide door for wounded feelings, invidious distinctions Jealousies and general disunion, which so far we have so happily avoided. Carried unanimously, It was moved and seconed that C.C. Hampton Maria Wheeler and T J Embree were elected to perform the duty of Committee men. T J Embree declining J Long was elected to fill his place A proposition was then made by the chair to drop the name Laycum a term used in the constition, but was also droped, a motion was then made for adjournment, Moved and 2nd as a general rule to meet the 24th of February 1873.

T Brady
Secretary

February 24, 1873

Meeting called to order by the Chair and the roll called when it appeared that J. S. Embra Maggy Silzer were absent. The minutes were then read and approved. The rules of reading were then repeated after which the reading of compositions and rehearsing of declamations Proceeded. The different exercises were assigned to the several members alternating composition & declamation. A short elucidation of language then followed and a motion to adjourn being in Order we retired from the meeting in great Harmony. ~~after~~

The Officers chosen for the next meetg were Frank H. Brady Chairman & O. C. Hampton Secretary. The Vice Pres.ts were Geo. Clingman & Edward Holderness. The several exercises in original compositions & selected pieces for reading & declamation were considered the most

interesting of any heretofore presented, & indeed, the improvement in writing as an exercise in composition, & also that of reading & declamation is something ahead of our most sanguine Hopes at the commencement of our Institute.

Susan G. Liddil.

" " " — Secretary.

March 10th 1873.

At the usual hour the meeting was call'd to order by the chair. The Roll being call'd it appear'd that T. D. Embree was absent. The rules of Elocution were repeated by those whose duty it was to commit the same; after which the original compositions were read & the several pieces selected for delivery at this meeting were declaim'd. At this point in the proceedings, on motion it was

"Resolv'd that we admit Rose Foster "and Alice (Mary Bates) as members of our "Institute. After considerable discussion

the yeas & Nays being call'd it appear'd
that the said Alice & Rose were admitted.
Next on motion it was
"Resolv'd, that hereafter, any persons
"under 21 years of age may be admitted
"if living out of the Children's Order, &
"having had a probation of 6 weeks in
"the Society ~~they having~~ hold a recommendation from
"those having charge of them. ~~~~
This resolution was also carried.
On motion it was also
"Resolv'd, that the time for presenting
"the Report of the Committee on the
"revision of the Constitution & Bylaws
"of the Organization; — be the 7th of
"April proximo, instead of March 17th
"as proposd heretofore. Carried.
A few sections were then read in the
"Normal Debater", when after a few
remarks from the Secretary, the Officers
for our next meeting were chosen, (viz)
Maria Wheeler was chosen President
& S. M. Brady & Julia O'connell Vice presid.ts.

and Sue Brady was chosen Secretary.

On Motion it was furthermore

" Resolvd that as our next meeting was
" to be open to outsiders, each member
" be at liberty to write a composition
" speak a Dialogue, declaim &c. as he
" or she might deem most proper.

On Motion the meeting adjourn'd to meet on Monday evening March 24th proxim.

C. C. Hampton.
Secretary.

March 10th 1873.

As is customary the Association assembled at the usual hour, but on account of business and the tardiness of several of the members the meeting was postponed untill 7 o'clock. at which time the meeting was Called to Order by the chair and the Roll called; when it was found that George C. was absent. the minuets were then read and adopted. the Rules of Elocution Repeated,

and then followed the reading of Essays and the several declamations, after which it was Resolved that it shall be the secretarys duty to call the names of those expected to repeat rules, and thus avoid awkard pauses; Carried, A short Elucidation of the Sangnage then followed after which it was Resolved that hereafter our meetings Commence at 7 oclock in the Evening instead of 6 ½ as heretofore- Carried.

Resolved that at our next Meeting all take part in discussing the following Question which is the pleasanter of the two, Spring or Autumn? Reasons Amended so as to read— Resolved that we devote the latter part of Next Meeting to discussing Said Question. only those taking part whose duty it is to declaim, the remaing Members to prepare Original Essays upon said subject. Carried The Officers for Next meeting were then Chosen T. J. Embry being chosen for President Joseph Sanger Frank Brady for Vice

President's O E Hampton for Secretary.
upon Motion we adjourned to meet
on monday evening April the seventh (7th)
Next.

Sue E Brady
Secretary

Union Village Apr. 7th 1873.
At 7 Oclok P. M. The members being
mostly present, the meeting was call'd to order
by the Chair, when upon calling the Roll it
appear'd that Geo. Clingman & Allie Seltzer
were absent. After the reading of the min.
& some little discussion thereon, on motion
it was resolv'd to repeal so much of the
same as related to discussion for this
evening, & finally to postpone the same
until our Organization get into working
order under the new Constitution & By-Laws.
This being the evening for the Report of
the Committee chosen to revise the Con=
stitution & By-Laws of the association, the

Chair accordingly call'd the attention of the meeting, whereupon it was resolv'd that the Secretary be requested to first read over the new Constitution & By-Laws consecutively & if they were adopted as a whole, then, that they be again read & voted upon, seriatim, with plenty of time & opportunity for remarks, repeals, amendments criticisms suggestions &c, by each and all the members, untill all were satisfied. After quite a full & lengthy discussion the new C. & B. was adopted with a few amendments for a correct transcript of which see next page of these minutes. The discussion on the Constitution & By-Laws took up most of the evening, & we barely had time left to choose the Officers for next meeting. Julia O'Connell was chosen President — Susan C. Siddel & Helena Westby Vice Presidents; & Maria Wheeler Secretary. On motion the meeting adjourn'd to meet 4 pr. 21st. Proxime.

C. C. Hampton. Secretary.

Preliminary Observations.

Constitution & By-Laws

of the Union Village Progressive Institute

The Parties whose names are hereunto subscribed having been appointed a Committee to revise the Constitution & By-Laws now in force, of the Organization now known as the "Union Village Scientific and progressive association", beg leave to submit the following revision for your approval - alteration or rejection as in your Judgement you may see fit; —

Allow us to add, that we have given the subject faithful & solid consideration & hope that any defects found therein may be charitably attributed to mistakes of the Head & not the Heart. Your Committee felt all the more free to enter upon its labors of Revision of s'd Instrument from the fact that it must inevitably be submitted to your scrutiny & criticism, & receive your sanction before it could go into practical force, & under consideration we now offer it to your superior judgement.

See over.

Article 1st. Our Organization shall be call'd "The Union Village Progressive Institute".

Art. 2. It shall be organiz'd by appointm't from amongst its members of the following Officers (viz.) A President or Chairman & two Vice Presidents (one of whom shall occupy the chair in the Absence of the President & in the Order of their ages (ie) if both are present when needed to fill the chair, the older shall serve, when the older is absent, the other shall serve) & also a Secretary or Clerk of the meetings of the Institute.

Art. 3. The meetings of the Institute shall consist of the reading of Original Compositions or other select matter Declamations both Comical & Sentimental; - also Dialogues, discussions &c &c as the members may elect from time to time, & any & all intellectual exercises shall be deem'd Admissible which go to enlighten

improve or refine its members.

Art. 4. The business of the meetings shall be conducted according to the Rules of Parliamentary Usage.

Art 5. Any & all Articles in this Constitution & By-Laws, may be amended or repeald by the concurrence of 2/3 of the members of the Association, when all are convend at one of their regular meetings.

Art 6. Two Thirds of all the members, shall constitute a Quorum of the Institute which shall be deemd capable of transacting any & all business pertaining thereto, except the Revision or modification of the Constitution & By Laws.

Art 7. All business except that pertaining to the Constitution & By-Laws shall be decided by a Majority vote.

By-Laws.

Art. 1. Each member shall be at the place of meeting, at, or before the

time of commencing the exercises.

Art 2. No uncourteous behavior or conversation, shall ever be allow'd among the members of this Institute, while in Convention, & any member offending in this manner shall be oblig'd to apologize to the meeting for thus compromising the dignity & disturbing the harmony thereof. A refusal to apologize, in accordance with this article shall be deem'd an offence sufficient to suspend the offending party until a compliance is rendel'd.

Art 3. Every person admitted to membership shall sign his, or her name to this constitution & By-Laws in token of his or her intentions to be govern'd by the same.

Art 4. Any person desiring to become a member of this Institute shall make application in writing or

this some already existing member, which application shall be voted upon by Ballot at the meeting next succeeding the presentation of said Application. If a majority vote adversely said application shall be referr'd to the Ministry, with a Report of the decision, and the matter shall be left for said Ministry to decide.

Art 5. No invidious or uncharitable criticisms of any exercise of any member, or the performance thereof, shall be allow'd or indulg'd in by any member, either inside or outside of the meeting.

Art. 6. The secession of any member from whatever cause, shall be reported in the minutes or Records of the Institute, & the name of such member shall be underscor'd in the list as a token that said name is not to be read at Roll call. See next page.

Here follows a List of the Signers to the foregoing Constitution & By. Laws (viz.)

& By Laws.

C. C. Hampton.
Susan C Siddall
Savanna M Brady
Matilda A Butler
Thos. J. Embree
Malia Wheeler.
Julia O'Connell.
Joseph Long.
Martha Seward
Frank H Brady,
Joseph H. Lee
Helena Peltz
Maggie Peltz
Ella Todd
Sue C Brady
Allie Seitzer
Edward Kleberger
Herman Miller
Dora McDow
Bell Betker.

Mary Parker

Flora Brady.
George Brady

C. C. Hampton
Susan C Siddall
Savanna M Brady
Matilda A Butler
Thos. J. Embree
Malia Wheeler.
Julia O'Connell.
Joseph Long.
Martha Seward

Union Village, April 21st 1873.

The Association met at the appointed time and place. The meeting was called to Order by the Chair. The Roll being called it was found that George Clingman Martha Seward and Edward Holderness were absent.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and on motion it was Resolved that the phrase, "And if they were adopted as a whole" should be expunged. Carried

The Chair then proposed that the next thing in Order should be the affixing of our names to the New Constitution and By Laws. Which was done.

Then followed the repeating of the rules of Elocution after which the reading of the several Essays ~~and~~ selections, and declamations was performed.

On motion it was Resolved that the Subject of Beeches and Woodhull should not be discussed in any of our meetings† Carried.. The Officers

† here after.

were then elected as follows. J H Lee President & J Long & J Brady vice presidents & T. J. Embree Secretary

It was then moved we Adjourn but as the motion recieved no second it did not come before the meeting.

On motion it was resolved that we ~~xxx~~ take part in the discussion of the subject, "which is the pleasanter of the two seasons Spring or Autumn." "Free fight." [illegible], and that the remainder of the evening be devoted to the consideration of several resolutions that have lain on the table for two meetings past. Carried.

On Motion we adjourned to meet on Monday Evening May 5th 1873.

Maria Wheeler
Secretary.

May 5th 1873

The Institute met, pursuant to adjournment, and upon the roll being called it was found that Helena Wesby & Maggie Seltzer were absent.—

The minutes of the previous meeting being read, it was decided that the ~~portion of them that had reference to the present meeting be~~ order of proceedings of the present meeting ~~be to~~ as there in stated, be so changed that the Resolutions which have been postponed from time to time, take ~~the~~ precedence of the discussion of the relative pleasantness of Spring & Autumn.—

Accordingly it was

Resolved, That from the first Monday in May until the first Monday in October, the meetings of the Institute take place monthly, and during the other months, semi monthly.—

The second resolution offered was upon discussion amended, and after amendment, adopted in the following shape:—

Resolved, That hereafter, the election of Officers for the ensuing meeting, take place immediately after the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting; — And that immediately after the conclusion of the regular exercises of reading, declamation, &c. a motion to adjourn shall be in order. — If no one makes such a motion previous to 15 minutes before 9 O'clock P.M. it shall then be the duty of the Secretary to move an adjournment. —

The third resolution offered was carried unanimously after some discussion, and stands thus:

Resolved, That there shall be a standing invitation for the Ministry and Elders of the Church to attend any of our meetings, and if they have a desire to speak on any such occasion, there shall be full liberty. —

The fourth resolution offered was amended and then carried thus:

Resolved, That hereafter the regular

ercises of our meetings be commenced by singing.

The fifth resolution offered was carried with but one opposing vote, and reads,

Resolved, That here after at our public meetings, we carry out our regular course of proceedings, and not vary them, as heretofore, owing to the presence of visitors.—

The sixth resolution offered was carried unanimously, as follows;

Resolved, That the roll assigning duties for the next meeting, shall be read immediately after the election of Officers, at each meeting here after.

All the proposed resolutions now having acted upon, the next business in order was the election of officers for the next meeting, ~~upon motion~~ upon motion the following persons were elected;—

For President, Sue. C. Brady;— for Vice

Presidents, Ella Tod & Allie Seitzer, and for Secretary, Matilda Butler.—

The next business being the assignment of duties for the next meeting, there was a motion made and carried, that here after, instead of assigning duties according to age as here to fore, it should be according to the list of names as signed to the revised Constitution.—

Duties were so assigned by the Secretary. The President then made some remarks concerning the advisability of procuring a ballot box, ready for use when needed, and it was proposed that he be appointed a committee to procure one, but as he declined, no further action was taken in the case.— However, upon request of a member, he explained the method of ~~voting~~ ballot voting by the use of balls. Some other remarks being made in connection with the subject, it was then laid aside, for the time being.—

There was then a suggestion made by Elder Oliver, in relation to the procuring of books for the use of the Institute, — The subject was mentioned for the purpose of drawing the attention of the members ~~and~~ to the necessity there of, and eliciting their thoughts as to the best way of obtaining means therefor. —

By this time 15 minutes of 9 O'clock had arrived, and according to rule, the Secretary moved an adjournment, which was carried. —

The subject of discussion, The comparative ~~excellence~~ pleasurableness of Spring and Autumn, was thus crowded out, and ~~no~~ no provision was made for its resumption in the future.

During the course of the meeting, Edward Holderness and Martha Seward signed the New Constitution, not having done so before.

T. J. Embree
Secretary. —

May 19th 1873.

Pursuant to "Call" the Institute met at the usal hour & place. As there was not any President for the meeting T. J. Embree was elected President & J. H. Lee Secretary meeting being called to order, on motion the Roll was called. M. Wheeler, M Seward H. Werby Maggie Seitzer & Allie Seitzer were absent. On motion the reading of minutes were postpoied. As this was a business meeting, the following business was transacted "Resolved that we reconsider the question of" "having the meetings of the Institute on 3d" "(third) Monday instead of ~~second Saturday~~ 4th) as" "was decided May 5th. Carried"

On Motion T. J. Embree was appointed a committe of 1 (one) to supply a ballott box & balls Carried. Herman Miller applied in regular form for admission to membership. Laid on the table. The following subject was then brot forward for informal discussion. "How & where to get books towards establishing

on "Institute Library". On motion
"Resolved that the ~~we~~ body now take a vote"
"as to whether or not we shall establish an"
"Institute Library" Carried " On motion
"Resolved That in order to commence the"
"establishment of an "Institute Library;" "
"we, the members of this Institute contribute"
"10¢ each, for the purchase of a few books for the present"
"necessity, from which to select matter for "
"Reading Declamation &c, & that further more "
"that we procure a "cabinet for containing said"
"books; and that moreover each member contrib"
"ute in the way of a loan any books he or she"
"may be in possession of, to said Library for the"
"use of the members thereof, until said Library"
"be maid up of purchased books. Said loan"
"books to be owned & under the control of a"
"Librarian, to be loaned at each meeting "
"as wanted and returned at the next meeting"
"Such loans & returns to be regularly registered"
"by said Librarian. The contributions of said 10¢ to be"
"entirely voluntary on the part of the members whether to"
"contribute or not; Books to be all numbered

"Librarian to be treasurer"

"and labled with the name of the Institute" Carried
O.C Hampton was appointed to supply the
Cabinet. On motion "Resolved that we elect"
"a Librarian & his term of office be one"
"year from date. Carried. "
Accordingly O.C. Hampton was elected
Librarian. The incoming President
(Bro C. Brady) in consideration of visitors
being present, (as it was the regular night)
he wished to be excused. On motion.
It was Resolved that we excuse said incoming
President. Carried." The Secretary (incoming)
made a similar request, and on motion it
was Resolved we excuse the Secretary. Carried
On Motion "Resolved That the brethren
take charge of next meeting. Carried
On motion the following Officers were nomin-
ated & Elected for next meeting. J Long Pres.
F.H Brady & E.H Holdernes Vice Presidents
& J.H. Lee Sec. On motion adjourned. to
meet 26 inst. J.H. Lee Secretary.

Monday May 26th 1873.

The Institute met pursuant to adjournment of "called Meeting. J. Long in the Chair. As this was the regular night for visitors there was a few present (4 in all.) The weather being unpropitious, there was not a quoram of the Institute present at the commencing of the regular exercises. The Roll was called & the following persons absent: M. Butler T. Embree Martha Seward Maggie Seitzer. N. Wesby & E. Todd The "Minuites of the 2 previous meetings were read & approved. The Officers were then nominated & elected as follows. President Sue C. Brady Vice Presidents Martha Seward & Ella Todd. Secretary Susan C. Liddil. The duties of the several members were then assigned, for the next meeting. The Rules of Elocution were then repeated. The vote was then taken, by ballott, on admitting Herman Miller which resulted in his elected as a member. T. J. Embree put in

Martha Seward was elected Vice President

an appearance about this time, and he just made a "Quorum". O. C. Hampton then made a few remarks relative to the use of good grammatical Language &c.. The committee on the "Library" reported Progress. The committee on the "Ballott Box" Reported by handing in said "Ballott Box". On motion Resolved "That T. J. Embree & J. H. See, be appointed a" "Committee of two (2) to print labels for the" "books of the Institute Library" Carried The Chair then requested any of the visitors, if they felt so disposed to honor us with a few remarks. Accordingly Wm Redmon responded with a neat complimentary Speech. O. C. Hampton made a few remarks comparing the "old times with the present &c. Time (8,45) for adjournment arriving Secretary moved an adjourn- carried

Joseph H. See Secretary

Monday June 16 Th 1873,

The Institute met, pursuant to adjournment. When it was found the Secretary was absent. It was then moved that Maria W be elected secretary which was accordingly done.

The meeting was then called to order by the Chair, On the roll being called it was found that Susan C Liddel, H Wesby Maggie Sitzer Martha Seward & J Lee were absent. The minutes were then read and approved.

The next business before the meeting was the election of officers for the next meeting. E C C Hampton President J Seong & J Brady vice presidents. J J Embree Secretary.

Then followed the repeating of rules of Elocution.

The reading of Essays and selections and Declamations was next in order.

It is surely a matter worthy of remark that the Essays are ~~incorrectly~~ uniformly

And to such a marked degree that even tho' we are in constant attendance it is very noticable and encouraging.

In accordance with a previous Resolution in which Ministry and Elders are invited at all times to be present if so they wish Sister May Ann H and Elder C Holloway were present. The formality of the meeting was laid aside for the time being by the admittance of a visitor in the person of Josie Deering of White Water.

The regulas Exercises being performed, The committee for on the Cabinet report a state of advancement stating that near a dozzen books had already been collected while yet there remained Funds in the treasurer for the purpose of obtaining more.

Committee on Label for said books reports for progress.

On Motion it was resolved that the Sisters should prepare and execute the musical performance on the evening on which they preside as officers. instead of the brethren always doing so as heretofore. After much controversy the motion was withdrawn. A Motion was then made and seconded to have congregational singing. instead of Choral singing. Lost

It was then moved the meetings should be opened by singing pieces already learned and practiced upon in the Singing Schools. Carried.

On Motion twas resolved we subscribe for a musical Journal which should not be purchased by the Institute funds unless it should prove impossible to get it by other means Carried.

As the Assignment of Duties had been forgotten in its order it was here attended to.

A vote of welcome was extended to our Company. Better Late than Never.

As (8.45) the time for the meeting was exhausted the secretary moved an adjournment Carried

Secretary. Maria Wheeler

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June 30th 1873.

Pursuant to "Call" the Institute met at the usual place at 7.30 P.M. On motion Long was elected Chairman & J. F. Embree Secretary. After a few remarks by the Chair relative to what the meeting was called for the following motion was made. Resolved That our next regular meeting be postponed in order to get up an entertainment for "Harvest Eades". Withdrawn and another, the following substituted. That the next regular meeting shall take place in proper time, the members having the option to use or not, the

read articles read, at a social entertainment to be held for the aforesaid Elder Mawby. and all who are not members of the Institute shall be at liberty to take part. Carried It was then moved that those who are not members shall be requested to take part in a rehersal Monday eve July 7th Carried. On Motion E. O. Lee and E. Emily Hampton were appointed a Committe to notify those who were not members, and make arangements. Carried On Motion Resolved that our next entertainment be held in the Center meeting room. and not changed except by superior Authority or influences over which this Association has no control, Carried, Moved that Wm Allender be requested to make platform for entertainment Carried.

Adjourned

Thos J. Embree Secretary
pro J. H. Lee

July 7th/1873

The Institute met pursuant to adjournment, as it was found that the Lyceum and rehersal could not be carried on this evening without taking up to much time, it was resolved to omit the reading of compositions, Carried. Our secretary being absent, J. Long was elected secretary protem, Here it was noticed that we had omitted to call the roll, it was now called when it was found that, Susan B. Liddil, T. J. Embree, and, Maggie Seitzer were absent, after the declamations and readings were finished ~~it~~ found we still had some time on our hands, the compositions were now read, after which it was voted that, Dora McDow Bell Baker and Flora Brady, should become members of the Institute, Letty Fitzgerald and Sally Randal, were announced as wishing to become members the announcement was taken and is still under consideration, It was moved

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